

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Nooksack Post Office
Nooksack, Washington 98276

Docket No. A2011-17

COMMISSION INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

(Issued June 14, 2011)

The record developed to date is unclear on the service available to patrons of the Nooksack post office upon cessation of its operations May 27, 2011. In addition, the status of the Nooksack post office is unclear. To clarify the record, the Postal Service is requested to respond to the following questions by no later than June 17, 2011.

1. The Postal Service indicates that the Nooksack post office has not been closed, but rather that operations have been suspended.¹ Please explain the basis for the suspension.
2. Please refer to the Bellingham Herald, June 1, 2011, "Nooksack post office closes, city appealing" in which a spokesman for the Postal Service makes certain representations.² Please confirm each of the following. If not confirmed, please explain.
 - a. Prior to suspension of operations at the Nooksack post office, the Postal Service had indicated it would install cluster boxes in Nooksack to serve customers formerly served by the Nooksack post office.

¹ See Supplemental Response of United States Postal Service to Petitioner's Application for Suspension of Discontinuance for the Nooksack Branch, Nooksack, Washington 98276, May 27, 2011.

² See <http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2011/06/01/2039220/nooksack-post-office-closes-city.html>, June 1, 2011.

- b. The cluster boxes were not installed in Nooksack prior to the suspension of operations at the Nooksack post office.
 - c. The cluster boxes will not be installed until after the appeal in Docket No. A2011-17 is completed.
 - d. The Postal Service is gathering input from Nooksack residents through mid-July,“ and officials in Seattle will make a recommendation to Postal Service headquarters on whether to renew the lease on the building or keep the location closed.” *Id.*
3. Subsequent to May 27, 2011, how are customers formerly served by the Nooksack post office who opted not to obtain a post office box at the Everson post office receiving postal services?

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary

Commissioner Blair dissenting.